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MPEP 1208.02 states;

After the supplemental appeal brief is filed, the examiner may issue an answer thereto, and appellant may file a reply brief. It is also possible that, after reading the brief, the examiner may be convinced that some or all of the finally rejected claims are allowable.

MPEP 1208.02 does *not* indicate a further provision whereupon, after submission of the Supplemental Appeal Brief, the case may be again withdrawn from appeal for the citation of new prior art and the further prolongation of prosecution. Therefore, in accordance therewith, appellant respectfully submits that, in response to the instant Supplemental Appeal Brief, the Examiner must either issue 1) an Examiner's Answer or 2) an indication of allowable subject matter. A suitable response is therefore earnestly solicited.


CONCLUSION

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact appellants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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